

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman  
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(92) In the matter of T-02.18.PCN; On January 14, 2002 Debra Ann McNutt dba Kootenai Kab, Libby, Montana filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. The application was noticed to the public on February 6, 2002 and no protests were received.

Class B - Passengers within the City of Libby, Montana and a twenty-five (25) mile radius thereof.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the application. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(93) In the matter of T-02.17.ST; On December 28, 2001 Ken Rockeman and Sam Spector, a Partnership dba R & S Personalized Transportation, Big Timber, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 9428, to Ken, Matthew & Austin Rockeman and R & S Transportation, Big Timber, Montana. The application for transfer was noticed to the public on February 6, 2002 and no protests were received.

Class B – Passengers in limousine service between all points and places in Gallatin, Park, Stillwater and Sweet Grass County, Montana. LIMITATIONS: 1) All transportation movements must originate or terminate in Sweet Grass County, Montana. 2) Equipment shall be limited to those vehicles listed Paragraph 9 of R & S Transportation's application or vehicles of similar capacity and utility (four-wheel drive pickups, station wagons or sedans). Transportation in limousine or luxury sedans is prohibited. 3) Transportation through any and all portions of Gallatin and Park Counties shall be 'closed door' (no pick-up or deliveries).

Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the transfer. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(94) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of February 25, 2002. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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GARY FELAND, Chairman

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JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(95) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company' s electric default supply portfolio filing, Docket No. D2001.10.144; Commissioner Stovall moved to postpone deadlines, allow Montana Power Company to postpone their report to a later date as determined by Robin McHugh. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which was withdrawn by Commissioner Stovall.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Will Rosquist, Marla Larson

(96) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company' s electric default supply portfolio filing, Docket No. D2001.10.144; Commissioner Rowe moved to instruct staff to begin process of identifying third party consultant and bring back a specific proposal. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion. Commissioner Brainard offered a substitute motion to instruct staff to identify a consultant and spend up to \$5,000 on the consultant. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Ryan Morton

(97) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana-Dakota Utilities Integrated Resource Plan, Docket No. D2001.9.128; Commissioner Rowe moved to extend the deadline for Department of Environmental Quality to file comments to March 15, 2002. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, Marla Larson

(98) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative' s application for arbitration of interconnection agreement terms with WWC Holding Co., Docket No. D2002.1.3; Commissioner Stovall moved to deny the motion to strike and include the language that the merits at issue in the motion are not being addressed. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, Vicki Nelson

(99) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of directory assistance cramming charges by Directory Services, Inc. and Network Comm Group, Docket No. D2002.3.29; Commissioner Brainard moved to direct staff to 1) initiate a complaint against Directory Services, Inc., Network Comm Group and Integretel; 2) request DSI and NCG to produce documentation of their billing directory assistance services being in compliance with Commission rules; and 3) to draft a letter to the Attorney General and county attorney regarding the charges. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee

(100) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation' s application for approval of Section 271, Docket No. D2000.5.70, Reciprocal Compensation, Checklist Item 13; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the Final Report. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Robin McHugh, David Hoffman, Susan Good

(101) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of fiscal year 2002 travel budget; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve out-of-state travel for two people to Qwest' s ROC on April 14-16, 2002 at Santa Fe. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Anderson had excused himself to attend another meeting and did not vote on this issue.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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GARY FELAND, Chairman

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JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, March 7, 2002, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman  
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner, via telephone  
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel

(102) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative's request for arbitration of interconnection agreement, Docket No. D2002.1.3; Commissioner Rowe moved to sustain the objection to data request to 103.5; sustain objection to 3; and overrule objection to 141, but allow three days to refile another objection which would be relevant based on the Commission's previous decision. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, David Hoffman, Will Rosquist

(103) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's default supply portfolio, Docket No. D2001.10.144; Commissioner Rowe moved to deny the relief requested by Northern Alternative Energy; instruct Northern Alternative Energy to identify by 9 am, Friday, March 8, the areas of Bill Pascoe's testimony that are beyond the scope of the December 13, 2001 Notice of Commission Action, and instruct Montana Power Company to refile the testimony ASAP but no later than 10 am, Monday, March 11. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to authorize staff to enter into two contracts for up to \$5,000 each, one regarding affiliated interests and one on costing issues (related to NorthWestern Generation I). Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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